



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Merrie Lee Soules  
6760 Bright View  
Las Cruces, NM 88007

**MAR - 8 2017**

RE: MUR 7217  
Soules for US Congress

Dear Ms. Soules:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint that indicates you may have violated sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 7217. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

The complaint was not sent to you earlier due to administrative oversight. Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against you in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the Office of the General Counsel, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109 (a)(4)(B) and § 30109(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please complete the enclosed form and return it to the Commission. Please be advised that, although the Commission cannot disclose information regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.<sup>1</sup>

Please note that you have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records and materials relating to the subject matter of the complaint until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. See 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

<sup>1</sup> The Commission has the statutory authority to refer knowing and willful violations of the Act to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution, 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(C), and to report information regarding violations of law not within its jurisdiction to appropriate law enforcement authorities. *Id.* § 30107(a)(9).

Any correspondence sent to the Commission, such as a response, must be addressed to one of the following (note, if submitting via email this Office will provide an electronic receipt by email):

**Mail**

Federal Election Commission  
Office of Complaints Examination  
and Legal Administration  
Attn: Kathryn Ross, Paralegal  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

OR

**Email**

CELA@fec.gov

If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Ross at (202) 694-1650 or toll free at 1-800-424-9530. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff S. Jordan", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jeff S. Jordan  
Assistant General Counsel  
Complaints Examination &  
Legal Administration

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